



The *Tippet*

November, 2012

Clearwater Fly Casters
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A Federation of Fly Fishers Club



November Meeting: Peg Kingery, Kelly Creek Flycasters, "Casting for Recovery"

Casting for Recovery (<http://castingforrecovery.org/wordpress/home/>) was founded in Manchester, Vermont, in 1996, by a cancer reconstructive surgeon and a professional fly fisher. It has spread across the nation, and there are international chapters in Canada, New Zealand, and the UK. It was founded on the principles that the natural world can bring healing, and that breast cancer survivors deserve one weekend – at no cost to participants and away from the stresses of medical treatment, home or workplace – to learn a new activity (fly fishing) in a safe and nurturing environment. The weekend retreats not only include instruction in all aspects of fly fishing, but also incorporate counseling and educational support from medical professionals. Funding for Casting for Recovery retreats comes completely from donations and fund-raising activities.

Our local group, CFR-North Idaho/Eastern Washington, was launched in May, 2011, to better serve breast cancer survivors living in 13 north Idaho counties and 5 eastern Washington counties. Our first retreat was held June 29-July 1, 2012, at Shoshone Creek Ranch on the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River; fourteen women from our area attended. The next retreat is already being planned and is scheduled for June 28-30, 2013.



Peg Kingery serves as the lead casting and "fish foods" instructor for CFR-North Idaho/Eastern Washington. She is passionate about fly fishing and firmly believes in the healing and nurturing qualities of the sport. She became a member of Kelly Creek Flycasters after attending their women's fly fishing clinic. Peg lives in Moscow.

Peg's Statement about Her Fishing: I'm a novice flyfisher of just four years. I got into flyfishing when I saw an advertisement for Kelly Creek Flycasters' annual women's fly fishing clinic. I love camping and hunting, so adding fly fishing to my outdoor activities seemed like a cool idea. As it turns out, I SO loved it, I'm now the person who heads the planning committee for KCF's women's clinic. My biggest goal right now is to get my FFF casting certification so that I can be a better instructor.



My favorite rivers to fish are the NF Coeur d'Alene and Marble Creek. I love small streams and use my 2-wt and 3-wt as much as I can. The coolest fishing experiences I've had were on the Owyhee River in Oregon and the Madison in Yellowstone Park. On both rivers, I learned how to "stalk" fish. I netted some beautiful browns during both these experiences!

Calendar

Nov 13: Fly Tying, Tube Style Muddler Minnow, Moscow Title, 6:30-9 pm

Nov 14: CFC Meeting, Peg Kingery, "Casting for Recovery", University Inn, Moscow

Dec 12: CFC Monthly Meeting, University Inn, Moscow

Information

The Tippet is available as a PDF file on our web site. Please submit information to the Newsletter Editor.

Meetings 2nd Wed:

**Wet Fly Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM**

Backcast to October Meeting

Guests and New Members: Mike Ray and Brittney Kitto, Diana Gleason, Mike Scott, Linda and Greg Eaton

Fishing Reports: Kay and Lynn Youngblood recently fished eleven new streams south of Jackson Hole. They enjoyed great scenery, and Lynn caught a 20 inch Yellowstone Cutthroat. Mike Ray said he had been on the Green River, where the fishing was great and the fish going to 22-24 inches.

Jim Palmersheim reported getting skunked on the Clearwater – nothing moving until the rains come. Andy Kleinhofs and Fred Muehlbauer reported no action on The Ronde, but they had a good time on Kodiak Island. There were not as many Silvers running, but they were good size. Cliff Swanson trolled at the Grande Ronde (not flies) and caught one steelhead and several salmon.

John Read reported spending five or six days on The Joe, headquartered at Huckleberry. He floated some and fished from the road some. He had his best fishing ever below Avery one day. The best patterns seemed to be Parachute Adams and Black Ant. There were lots of big fish this year. Mike Scott also spent time on The Joe, and he reported that the big fish are very low on the river, below Avery. He used Rusty Spinner and Parachute Adams. Cliff Swanson reported on The Joe as well. He caught nothing big, but there was a hatch about 3 pm, and he watched someone else catch a few fish during it. Bruce Frazier had fished The Joe as well the previous Tuesday and reported seeing only one Caddis.

Jim Hill again visited Glacier Park, and his fishing partner Chet caught 30 to 40 fish at Hidden Lake. Jim had five grandkids ages 6 to 10 fishing with him at Avalanche Lake. Jim hiked on a five-night backpacking trip through the northern reaches of the park, but he didn't fish on this outing.

Sharon Tharp told about visiting friends in North Dakota who were celebrating their 70th anniversary, and coming across a fishing derby for 500+ kids on a lake – to commemorate a three year old child killed in an accident. It was such a great event for the kids with lots of prizes awarded.

Paul Agidius and Marc Ratslaff fished Kelly and Cayouse Creeks. They caught quite a few fish, all around 14 inches. Paul got a small fly in his finger and couldn't get it out, so he went to ER after returning. They wanted to do an x-ray, but he refused, so they just cut it out.

Program: Aaron Penvose, Trout Unlimited, "TU's Washington Water Project: Innovative Ways for Improving Instream Flow"

Aaron is passionate about fishing and conservation. He grew up in Colorado, on the banks of the Arkansas River. When he was looking for a college to attend, one requirement was that it had to be in an area with great fly fishing. He settled on the University of Montana, where he studied both Geology and Environmental Science. This gave him a good balanced education to tackle conservation issues. Aaron worked for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, managing large projects related to fish habitat. This was at a time of severe drought and the lack of water resulted in bad impacts on their projects. He worked for the Forest Service for a time, but not in the areas of his real interests. He ended up on a farm in Western Washington, in what he described as a really unproductive period.

Then, Aaron got on with the Washington Rivers Conservancy, which joined up with Trout Unlimited. Here, he believes he found his calling. He works to put together stakeholders to improve water for fish. There are many involved, including agencies, landowners, organizations and volunteers. Due to funding opportunities, they focus on Spring Chinook, Columbia River Steelhead and Bull Trout, but try to keep a wider interest in developing projects to improve in-stream flows. He works primarily in Kittitas, Chelan and Okanogan Counties in Washington.

Some examples of specific projects were discussed. In the Wenatchee River Drainage, they have found funding for a pump station to supply irrigation water from below the critical section of river, replacing in-stream diversions, resulting in a 10 % increase in stream flow (35 cfs) during critical periods. This will have a dramatic impact on water temperatures and fish survivability.

In the Methow Basin, there are critical steelhead and salmon rearing areas, and they have been able to change the water use pattern from fall to spring. Also, they have improved irrigation efficiency by getting landowners to change from flooding to center-pivot irrigation – with monies to buy the new equipment.

Up in the Okanogan Basin, there is a water bottleneck on Ninemile Creek. The creek has been essentially de-watered to irrigate 340 acres of hay meadows. A project has been agreed to, whereby the hay is reduced to 200 acres and wells are used to supply water. This is the first year, and they think it will work, but the severe drought this year has been a headache. If this works, there will be miles of important habitat with sufficient water again.

Monthly Raffle: Winners included Cliff Swanson, Linda Gardai, Jill Dacey, Doug Baldwin, Steve Busch, George Hinman, Bruce Frazier, Ray Dacey, Andy Kleinhofs, and others.

Bob Harwood (1927-2012)

Bob attended our September pot-luck (see picture in the *October Tippet*) and planned to be at the October meeting. Instead, he was air-lifted that day to Spokane, where he passed away the following Sunday. Most certainly, we will miss Bob, his cheery attitude and his knowledge about this planet we live on, which he was always willing to share. Most, we will miss him on the lakes and streams, whether fishing or making his beautiful fish prints – his passions. His legacy will live on through his art, as well as in all the warm memories many will carry with us as long as we live. A good number of our members were able to attend the Celebration of Life his family hosted at the Old Post Office in Pullman.



(These pictures were taken in 1998, on Bob's first trip to Mawdsley Lake in Northern Saskatchewan, where he printed both pike and grayling. He caught a good many too!)

Presidents Message (The Youngbloods)

Kay and I just finished our last fly fishing trip of the season, a quick trip to The Joe where we spent Halloween night at Huckleberry Campground — the only campers there. I had reserved the entire campground ahead of time, of course! We always try to fish somewhere in very early November just so we can fool ourselves into thinking that it's only three months until spring! Ha! So it's a bit of a melancholy time for us, hanging up our waders for a while. But our involvement with CFC keeps our spirits up over the non dry-fly fishing months, and it's not just because misery loves company. We enjoy very much our association with a wonderful group of friends. So we look forward to seeing you at our November meeting.

Thank You to CFC from Idaho Department of Fish and Game: The club received a letter of thanks from the Director for our contributions to the 2012 Idaho Wildlife Summit. This letter can be viewed as an attachment to this *November Tippet*.

Fly of the Month: Muddler Minnow (tube style)

<http://www.flytyingforum.com/pattern8053.html>

Tube: plastic Q-tip Stem
Thread: Brown 6/0
Tail: Mottled Turkey
Body: Flat Mylar Tinsel - Silver
Wing: Mottled Turkey
Collar/Head: Deer Hair

Tim's Note: If you don't have a tube fly attachment for your vise, you may want a set of darning needles to tie on.



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CFC membership dues are \$20/yr for individuals, \$30/yr for families, \$10/yr for students, \$50/yr sustaining, \$300/lifetime. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday, September through May, at the Best Western University Inn, 1516 Pullman Rd, Moscow, Idaho. Wet Fly Hour 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM and Program at 7:30 PM.



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Dear Lynn:

The employees of the Idaho Department of Idaho Fish and Game would like to thank you for your financial contribution and partnership in support of the 2012 Idaho Wildlife Summit. Your contribution enabled Idahoans across the state, from Coeur d'Alene to Salmon, to participate in the Summit. Over the course of three days we heard from, and visited with, hundreds of Idahoans in person and interacted with 3,000 online participants, some of whom were from as far away as the United Kingdom, Japan, and Hungary.

The Idaho Wildlife Summit was just the beginning in what will be a long-term conversation with Idahoans about wildlife conservation in our state. In the coming weeks and months, we will summarize the information gathered during the Summit, and report back to participants and all Idahoans who will assist Idaho Fish and Game identify priorities and establish direction for conservation of Idaho's wildlife now, and into the future. We will insure that you get all this information. If you desire further discussions with us we will be glad to meet at any time.

Thank you again for your generous support and assistance in making the 2012 Idaho Wildlife Summit a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virgil Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Virgil Moore
Director

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